Reply to Office Action of December 23, 2009

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 20-27, and 30-34 are pending as of the office action. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, and 20-27 stand allowed. The remaining claims 30-34 stand rejected on various definiteness grounds (under 35 U.S.C. \S 112, \P 2) and/or prior art grounds (under 35 U.S.C. \S 102 and 103).

By amendment above, claims 30-34 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Only allowed claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, and 20-27 are now pending.

The application, as a result, is in condition for immediate allowance; and early confirmation of the same is requested.

If the examiner would like to discuss the amendment, please contact the below-signed representative.

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